

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/854,234	TUCK ET AL.
	Examiner Phuongchau Ba Nguyen	Art Unit 2665

-- **The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 7-12-04 RCE.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14, 16-21, 23-24, 26-27, 29-32; Renumbered as 1-28 respectively.
3. The drawings filed on 10 May 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 5-10-01
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 11-9-04
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Donald Boys on 11/9/04.
3. The application has been amended as follows:

-Claim 27, line 9:

"on the egress path" had been changed to ---to the ingress path---
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 1-14, 16-21, 23-24, 26-27, 29-32, the prior art fails to teach or suggest in a fabric card having multiple ports, one or more multicast-capable ports for replicating multicast data packets or a multicast-capable fabric card within a data router or a method for multicasting comprising "data packets assigned for multicasting arrive at the port on the egress path and are diverted to the multicast-capable component, wherein the packets are replicated and/or re-addressed and output to the ingress path into the port"(claim 1), "data packets assigned for multicasting arrive at the multicast-capable fabric card and are delivered to the multicast engine where in they are

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replicated and/or modified as needed for multicast and output to the ingress path into the multicast port"(claim 10), "data packets assigned for multicasting arrive at the port on the egress path and are diverted to the multicast-capable component, wherein the packets are replicated or re-addressed and output to the ingress path into the port"(claim 16), "data packets assigned for multicasting arrive at the fabric card and are delivered to the multicast engine wherein they are replicated and/or modified as needed for multicast and output to the ingress path into the multicast-capable port"(claim 21), "multicast packets received from the one or more fabric cards are replicated and/or modified as needed, and output to the ingress path via one or more of the first ports to one or more of the second ports"(claim 24), and "receiving multicast packets at one of the second ports and sending the multicast packets to one of the multicast engine via the first port; replicating and or modifying the data packets for multicasting according to tabled instructions associated with the multicast engine; and outputting the replicated or modified packets to the ingress path to individual ones of the second ports"(claim 27), in combination with other limitations, as specified in the independent claims 1, 10, 16, 21, 24, 27.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phuongchau Ba Nguyen whose telephone number is

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571-272-3148. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu can be reached on 571-272-3155. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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